

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS. (WITH SUPPLEMENT.)

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts				Dairying Districts (Coastal only.)			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1945.													
February ...	189	125	82	69	123	155	110	71	92	106	89	86	99
March ...	24	40	30	28	31	31	41	26	30	46	33	35	41
April ...	94	110	78	32	87	101	103	38	63	124	83	348	142
May ...	131	140	55	97	105	160	139	55	90	94	93	69	90
June ...	212	225	137	122	181	177	219	143	167	429	321	205	373
July ...	103	71	71	205	95	83	58	77	73	164	126	40	139
August ...	135	157	151	107	144	156	139	157	152	44	61	34	47
September ...	46	16	34	18	30	23	18	32	27	68	18	21	50
October ...	42	68	125	116	85	53	72	128	104	94	80	77	89
November ...	66	50	78	28	61	76	60	69	67	115	129	82	115
December ...	54	43	46	61	49	42	48	48	47	92	69	67	82
1946.													
January ...	153	100	166	236	151	130	110	184	158	92	44	67	77
February ...	95	129	327	228	195	49	153	363	269	174	77	100	140

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44, and 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45.

Under war time contract the British Government purchased the Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46. The agreed average price (per lb. greasy) was 10·75d. sterling or 13·4375d. Australian currency in 1939-40 to 1941-42 and 12·3625d. sterling (Aust. 15·4531d.) in 1942-43 to 1945-46. A new agreement has been made for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of future clips.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
July ...	67,442	83,715	76,207	68,696	67,442	83,715	76,207	68,696
August ...	128,260	105,532	113,506	110,161	195,702	189,247	189,713	178,857
September ...	180,883	158,065	73,356	132,093	376,585	347,312	263,069	310,950
October ...	195,950	173,622	129,588	183,001	572,535	520,934	392,657	493,951
November ...	159,518	128,231	166,656	174,501	732,053	649,165	559,313	668,452
December ...	88,943	94,774	111,713	47,412	820,996	743,939	671,026	715,864
January ...	37,213	135,652	101,888	44,883	858,209	879,591	772,914	760,747
February ...	30,274	60,931	24,884	23,146	888,483	940,522	797,798	783,893
March ...	44,208	43,493	23,799	...	932,691	984,015	821,597	...
April ...	40,835	42,000	20,854	...	973,526	1,026,015	842,451	...
May ...	41,491	51,274	34,419	...	1,015,017	1,077,289	876,870	...
June ...	56,745	56,870	41,007	...	1,071,762	1,134,159	917,877	...

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average—1934-35	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1943-44	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1941-42... ..	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12·2
1942-43... ..	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17·0
1943-44... ..	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6
1944-45... ..	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0

The preliminary estimate by the Government Statistician of the 1945-46 wheat yield is 62,500,000 bushels.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

The British Government purchases under contract the exportable surplus of Australian butter. The contract price for choicest, 142s. 6d. per cwt. f.o.b. Australian ports from July, 1942, was increased to 184s. 8½d. from July, 1944. The wholesale price for local consumption has been 166s. 6d. per cwt. since 6th March, 1942.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Thousand lb.					
July	5,061	5,163	3,313	2,462	3,286
August	5,361	5,346	3,279	3,065	4,008
September	7,093	5,952	4,933	5,397	5,007
October	10,107	7,499	8,626	8,488	7,557
November	13,128	11,275	11,553	8,169	7,386
December	13,471	12,032	13,079	7,532	8,820
January	12,310	13,044	12,821	8,004	8,146
February	11,816	10,219	10,184	6,769	.....
March	11,370	8,648	8,440	8,261	.....
April	10,044	6,129	5,165	5,811	.....
May	8,145	4,789	3,870	4,477	.....
June	6,024	3,679	2,594	3,287	.....
Year	113,930	93,775	87,857	71,722	.....
Seven Months ended January	66,531	60,311	57,604	43,116	44,211

5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

The following results from 42 large factories afford an indication of trends in manufacturing:—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages.			
	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Thousand £. Hundreds. Hundred £.												
January ...	5,808	4,96	4,983	4,561	275	261	241	225	1,563	1,493	1,393	1,283
February ...	4,799	5,712	5,250	.....	272	258	240	.....	1,540	1,476	1,404	.....
March ...	5,451	5,765	5,502	.....	270	256	239	.....	1,534	1,469	1,379	.....
April ...	5,424	4,830	5,015	.....	271	256	237	.....	1,561	1,449	1,374	.....
May ...	5,696	5,878	5,436	.....	269	253	237	.....	1,517	1,447	1,363	.....
June ...	5,632	5,478	5,303	.....	269	252	237	.....	1,544	1,433	1,372	.....
July ...	5,520	5,061	5,639	.....	268	251	236	.....	1,514	1,426	1,378	.....
August ...	5,500	5,476	5,468	.....	266	249	237	.....	1,533	1,413	1,377	.....
September ...	5,710	5,222	5,269	.....	267	248	234	.....	1,525	1,416	1,345	.....
October ...	5,753	5,449	5,492	.....	266	247	227	.....	1,536	1,400	1,283	.....
November ...	5,701	5,811	5,690	.....	264	246	224	.....	1,517	1,433	1,310	.....
December ...	5,653	5,159	3,968	.....	265	246	192	.....	1,552	1,441	1,334	.....
Average (January-December)	5,554	5,400	5,251	269	252	232	1,537	1,441	1,334

Further particulars of employment in factories are shown in Table 26.

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BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Period.	City of Sydney—New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.	Suburbs of Sydney.			Total—Sydney and Suburbs.		
		New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
		No. of Permits.	Value.				
Monthly Average	£		£	£	£	£	£
1938	284,132	621	748,064	137,989	974,836	195,349	1,170,185
1939	157,127	581	744,532	116,630	848,963	169,326	1,018,289
1940	127,851	567	735,057	113,612	788,668	187,852	976,520
1941	46,002	632	745,228	112,720	757,943	146,007	903,950
1942	22,580	30	45,880	52,010	51,343	69,127	120,470
1943	20,704	15	19,677	73,006	21,311	92,076	113,387
1944	27,671	35	35,511	70,395	35,553	98,024	133,577
1945	22,019	331	330,445	80,812	338,842	100,434	439,276
Month—							
1944-45—Feb.	31,418	99	108,668	51,290	133,668	57,708	191,376
1945-46—Jan.	13,035	518	692,065	133,441	692,065	146,476	838,541
Feb.	113,185	655	784,006	194,449	792,306	299,334	1,091,640
Eight Months (July-Feb.)							
1944-45	220,156	458	481,607	565,838	506,607	760,994	1,267,601
1945-46	265,294	4,307	4,726,643	954,879	4,738,148	1,208,668	5,946,816

Quarter.	129 Industrial and Rural Towns.			Seven Shires.			Total, New South Wales : New Buildings, Alterations and Additions. *
	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	
	No. of Permits.	Value.		No. of Permits.	Value.		
Quarterly Average—		£	£		£	£	£
1938	1,277	1,074,724	245,066	324	200,866	61,786	5,092,997
1939	1,126	849,892	215,389	359	246,018	29,242	4,395,406
1940	850	752,163	183,881	303	250,096	35,659	4,151,369
1941	863	691,258	164,264	399	306,332	27,634	3,901,338
1942	206	144,982	58,542	98	54,724	11,511	631,168
1943	76	36,401	62,239	39	15,162	13,295	467,257
1944	109	59,601	87,067	86	45,133	25,550	618,083
1945	592	473,569	129,554	611	503,434	50,867	2,475,251
December Quarter —							
1944	142	79,572	83,788	129	76,848	17,577	753,205
1945	1,199	1,095,186	200,042	1,024	994,700	76,595	4,736,264
Six Months (July-Dec.)							
1944	247	130,855	196,615	232	136,670	51,008	1,446,336
1945	1,933	1,610,426	335,827	1,874	1,642,913	127,004	7,732,805

* Metropolis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

The value according to principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued in Sydney and Suburbs and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below :—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.						
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Monthly Average—	Sydney and Suburbs.						
1939	373,102	76,469	231,830	106,124	47,665	183,099	1,018,289
1944	10,343	14,388	1,094	85,433	1,894	20,425	133,577
1945	164,996	169,247	3,680	61,641	5,573	34,139	439,276
Month—							
1945 February ...	24,736	40,311	1,128	86,383	1,439	37,379	191,376
1946 January	330,424	279,309	17,575	140,874	10,516	53,843	838,541
„ February ...	413,312	378,433	8,024	170,277	11,415	110,177	1,091,640
Eight Months (July– Feb.)—							
1944–45	135,042	188,506	10,583	691,779	13,537	228,154	1,267,601
1945–46	2,395,779	2,313,082	60,129	708,362	65,915	403,549	5,946,816
Quarterly Average—	129 Industrial and Rural Towns.						
1939	187,801	482,784	36,997	28,847	102,725	226,127	1,065,281
1944	6,795	49,873	1,755	41,784	5,469	40,992	146,668
1945	80,748	389,274	2,749	53,182	17,420	59,750	603,123
December Quarter—							
1944	7,413	59,439	1,019	58,676	3,483	33,330	163,360
1945	206,288	858,600	4,984	85,171	23,261	116,924	1,295,228
Six Months (July– December.)—							
1944	14,752	114,732	1,781	94,174	10,719	91,312	327,470
1945	290,503	1,315,411	7,712	124,291	41,647	166,689	1,946,253
Quarterly Average—	7 Shires Adjacent to the Metropolis.						
1939	104,108	120,456	6,930	1,170	7,748	28,848	275,260
1944	6,076	43,727	5	8,158	858	11,859	70,683
1945	116,583	411,570	925	3,831	2,398	18,994	554,301
December Quarter—							
1944	8,189	68,341	.....	9,420	250	8,225	94,425
1945	219,234	813,139	2,200	330	6,741	29,651	1,071,295
Six Months (July– December.)—							
1944	15,116	120,293	.....	23,885	2,784	25,600	187,678
1945	378,089	1,331,591	2,200	4,030	7,801	46,206	1,769,917

(a) Includes conversions to flats. (b) Includes shops with dwellings attached.

8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The following are particulars of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) which is additional to private building to which tables 6 and 7 relate. Values included in respect of the State Housing Scheme relate to buildings actually commenced ; for other Government building the values refer to contracts let and day labour jobs authorised :—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).					
	Month of February.			Eight Months ended February.		
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs	154,761	156,200	218,685	1,479,567	1,222,883	2,719,154
Remainder of State...	62,442	108,106	217,323	525,237	871,656	1,297,432
Total, N.S. Wales ...	217,203	264,306	436,008	2,004,804	2,094,539	4,016,586

SECTION B.—TRADE.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Million £.								
Year ended 31st December ...	200.29	202.79	229.03	238.65	240.54	251.40	251.74	...
January	13.24	16.33	15.83	18.69	17.18	18.01	18.62	17.62
February	16.54	14.64	17.48	19.39	21.60	20.48	21.48	...
March	15.78	16.97	17.40	19.53	19.44	18.00	21.75	...
April	15.79	17.88	19.06	19.19	21.88	21.68	20.81	...
May	17.46	14.85	18.75	20.72	19.56	21.45	22.24	...
June	14.88	17.07	21.76	18.93	20.91	20.67	19.40	...
July	15.28	16.74	17.63	19.17	19.81	20.87	22.01	...
August	16.81	17.17	20.41	20.86	18.75	23.82	20.22	...
September	19.44	17.48	21.60	19.59	19.93	21.46	23.72	...
October	19.22	18.50	18.25	22.06	20.80	21.82	22.36	...
November	17.53	18.13	20.58	19.54	21.07	20.30	39.13	...
December	18.32	17.03	20.28	20.98	19.61	22.84		...

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Year ended December—			Percentage increase + or decrease —					
1938	303	303	+ 4.8	+ 5.2	+ 11.6	+ 5.0		
1939	303	303	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	+ 2.6	+ 0.9		
1940	303	305	+ 6.3	+ 17.0	+ 4.0	+ 1.9		
1941	305	304	+ 14.6	+ 8.0	+ 9.0	+ 4.0		
1942	304	303	— 5.3	+ 9.2	— 5.1	— 8.4		
1943	303	306	— 11.3	— 6.8	— 9.7	— 17.6		
1944	306	302	+ 3.2	— 0.2	— 4.6	+ 1.4		
1945	302	301	+ 15.8	+ 11.1	+ 6.7	+ 5.0		
1945.								
January	23	25	+ 20.1	+ 2.6	+ 5.2	— 0.9	+ 11.0	+ 1.6
February	25	24	+ 6.7	+ 7.7	— 2.4	— 3.3	+ 10.0	+ 0.7
March	27	26	— 6.6	+ 17.0	+ 2.5	— 1.1	+ 4.8	+ 1.8
April	21	24	+ 3.0	+ 18.3	+ 3.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
May	27	26	— 9.7	+ 26.9	+ 4.4	+ 2.5	— 4.9	+ 3.5
June	25	25	+ 19.3	+ 24.0	+ 3.0	+ 3.3	+ 3.2	+ 3.6
July	26	26	+ 31.6	+ 16.7	+ 7.1	+ 4.3	+ 10.6	+ 4.8
August	27	25	+ 16.6	+ 11.9	+ 6.4	+ 4.4	+ 21.8	+ 5.5
September	26	25	+ 21.1	+ 10.2	+ 4.0	+ 6.7	+ 22.5	+ 5.8
October	25	26	+ 37.9	+ 4.9	+ 13.5	+ 9.9	+ 25.0	+ 8.0
November	26	26	+ 40.6	+ 2.1	+ 13.6	+ 12.0	+ 33.4	+ 10.4
December	24	23	+ 17.9	— 4.7	+ 17.4	+ 18.4	+ 30.8	+ 14.9
1946.								
January	25	25	+ 4.6	— 6.3	+ 16.1	+ 14.8	+ 27.1	+ 16.0

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 26.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

			Month of January.			Seven months ended 31st January.		
			Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
			£	£	£	£	£	£
1944	...	...	2,821,773	1,881,380	940,393	20,543,485	15,156,255	5,387,230
1945	...	...	2,737,747	1,901,853	835,894	18,737,931	13,926,999	4,810,932
1946	...	...	2,522,885	1,939,204	583,681	18,080,555	13,858,053	4,222,502

* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,159,000 in year 1944-45
 † Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

			Month of January.		Seven months ended 31st January.	
			Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.
			thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1944	...	...	1,439	21,282	11,512	144,409
1945	...	...	1,544	22,106	11,162	145,866
1946	...	...	1,252	21,731	9,273	152,427

* Partly estimated.

12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.†

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES

			SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
PERIOD.			Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
			£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
Month of January—								
1944	...	...	444,800	63,700	40,492	47,900	9,700	3,809
1945	...	...	459,600	58,400	43,598	50,800	10,400	4,123
1946	...	...	453,900	25,200	43,247	48,000	2,000	3,949
Seven months ended 31st January.								
1944	...	...	3,013,520	274,810	275,108	306,520	43,400	24,534
1945	...	...	3,083,800	302,300	294,577	327,400	47,000	26,735
1946	...	...	3,061,300	100,100	291,374	326,100	23,300	27,184

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £537,000 in year 1944-45.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1944.	1945.			1946.	
	31st August.	30th June.*	29th February.	28th February.	31st August.	31st December.	31st January.	28th February.
Cars	216,633	169,916	178,299	184,848	185,665	188,412	189,130	189,640
Lorries and Vans	77,639	71,248	75,929	81,169	84,257	88,670	89,876	90,960
Trailers	6,538	6,965	7,609	8,755	9,187	10,000	10,354	10,480
Tractors†	1,102	1,366	1,443	1,646	1,787	1,852	1,868	1,886
Cycles—Solo	17,111	10,538	9,934	11,726	12,319	13,478	13,762	14,083
Cycles—Side-car	6,884	4,785	4,564	3,946	4,076	4,422	4,605	4,692
Omnibuses†	794	890	924	1,013	1,039	1,049	1,056	1,058
Taxi-cabs†	1,331	1,352	1,348	1,352	1,351	1,362	1,357	1,357
Traders' Plates	1,187	708	606	631	662	752	755	765
Total	329,219	267,768	280,656	295,086	300,343	309,997	312,763	314,921

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942.

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts.

Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
1941-42	32	44	43	38	23	26	41	43	52	61	32	25
1942-43	16	21	18	12	7	19	7	4	5	2	6	8
1943-44	4	6	4	5	3	5	60	64	86	94	67	74
1944-45	6	6	10	9	5	6	66	53	65	58	38	48
1945-46	6	7	5	5	3	4	38	60	60	38	35	56

14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
July	494,904	506,566	546,856	559,106	573,078
August	498,073	508,292	549,939	562,063	572,893
September	500,125	509,332	554,227	563,425	568,280
October	499,804	515,228	555,450	561,504	571,656
November	499,614	519,375	557,140	562,093	573,637
December... ..	501,253	523,920	558,381	560,717	571,790
January	503,346	527,733	556,775	564,184	570,080
February	500,449	533,597	561,066	563,702	.....
March	502,810	536,795	560,665	563,791	.....
April	503,494	537,319	561,638	567,295	.....
May	500,565	543,419	563,277	571,616	.....
June	500,451	552,044	560,032	572,697	.....

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY.

Revenue.	1944-45.	1945-46.	Expenditure.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	44·82	49·37	Invalid, Old Age Pensions	14·66	* 18·20
Sales	19·57	20·88	Widows' Pensions ...	1·86	2·04
Income	100·99	113·01	Child Endowment ...	7·44	11·75
Payroll	7·47	7·49	Other	1·75	2·93
Estate	1·67	2·38	Payments to States ...	10·36	10·66
Entertainments ...	3·35	3·31	Reimbursed to States (In-		
Other	2·39	2·73	come Tax)	12·97	13·59
Post Office	18·43	18·79	Post Office	12·79	13·38
Other	6·30	5·79	Other	29·55	30·95
			Total Non-War ...	91·38	103·50
			War—from Revenue ...	113·61	126·00
			from Loan	187·33	178·43
Total Revenue ...	204·99	223·75	Total Expenditure	392·32	407·93

* Includes £5,753,000 expended from balance held in National Welfare Fund at 30th June, 1945.

16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY.

Revenue.	1944-45.	1945-46.	Expenditure.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£ 000	£ 000		£ 000	£ 000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	1,945	1,945	ing Fund	11,376	11,395
Reimbursement of Taxes...	6,338	6,391	Less—Recoups from other		
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	2,772	3,315	Activities	949	880
Other Taxes	788	860			
Land	927	925	Net Debt Charges ...	10,427	10,515
Services	834	885	Other than Debt Charges—		
Other	6,379*	2,951	Governmental	17,532†	14,478
			Business Undertakings ...	20,152	20,027
Total Governmental	19,983	17,272	Road Transport and Traffic		
Business Undertakings ...	26,178	25,524	Fund	352	374
Road Transport and Traffic					
Fund	448	496			
Total Revenue ...	46,609	43,292	Total Expenditure ...	48,463	45,394

* Includes contribution by Business Undertakings towards redemption of Treasury Bills £3,250,000.

† Includes redemption of Deficiency Treasury Bills £3,840,000.

Loan expenditure on works and services during the eight months ended February was gross £2,294,000 and net (i.e. gross, less repayments to loan account) £1,370,000 in 1945-46, compared with gross £1,623,000 and net £1,435,000 in 1944-45.

17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318.4	28.6	23.9	22.1	.....	291.7
1940 " ...	345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7	.....	289.9
1941 " ...	360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9	.....	283.7
1942 " ...	387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
1943 " ...	453.5	33.4	50.8	75.7	102.9	246.0
1944 " ...	534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
1945 " ...	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1944-45—						
Nov. ...	555.4	36.9	62.0	104.8	191.0	212.0
Dec. ...	571.1	41.3	65.6	109.2	197.4	206.0
Jan. ...	580.2	42.2	70.7	111.8	207.9	202.0
Feb. ...	589.1	40.1	65.5	115.0	220.7	199.5
1945-46—						
Nov. ...	591.4	38.4	61.5	113.0	227.3	210.1†
Dec. ...	606.3	42.2	66.9	115.7	230.0	208.9†
Jan. ...	614.2	44.0	71.8	117.0	232.7	208.7†
Feb. ...	628.6	44.3	72.4	119.0	243.0	207.7†

* Excluding London Funds.

† Excluding certain assets (approximately £2.8 m. in September, 1945) included in earlier figures.

18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 overseas banks; three other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (17 banks).			
	Deposits.		Total, including Govt.	Advances.	Deposits.		Total, including Govt.	Advances.
	Non-Government.				Non-Government.			
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1945—September ...	79.7	173.4	255.7	104.8	220.2	413.4	644.0	239.0
October ...	80.7	174.6	258.3	105.1	221.4	419.4	650.7	240.4
November ...	81.5	175.7	259.9	105.9	222.5	426.2	657.8	241.3
December ...	81.8	180.4	265.1	106.2	223.2	443.5	675.5	240.2
1946—January ...	81.1	183.5	267.9	107.2	221.0	452.3	683.0	240.2
February ...	80.2	191.3	276.7	106.2	219.1	468.3	699.4	244.9

* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945. Movements in deposits and advances since 1939 are illustrated by monthly averages in *Australia* of nine trading banks shown in Table 17, and by quarterly averages in *New South Wales* of these banks as shown below:—

September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.	September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.
	Non- Government.	Total, including Government.			Non- Government.	Total, including Government.	
million £.				million £.			
1939 ...	113.6	114.9	122.5	1943	169.1	172.3	93.5
1940 ...	126.1	128.1	117.6	1944	200.9	203.6	85.1
1941 ...	134.4	137.3	113.7	1945	217.8	219.8	85.9
1942 ...	142.1	145.3	106.9				

19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits †	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.			
			1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
1934 ...	75,714	March ...	86,269	115,642	154,154	187,894
1935 ...	77,906	April ...	86,222	115,500	156,025	189,566
1936 ...	80,000	May ...	86,097	118,016	157,045	192,884
1937 ...	81,952	June† ...	87,474	122,405	162,867	198,203
1938 ...	86,016	July ...	87,201	126,689	166,751	200,932
1939 ...	87,474	August ...	86,957	130,519	170,104	204,794
1940 ...	82,111	September ...	86,557	134,163	173,937	207,520
1941 ...	87,750	October ...	86,751	136,326	173,981	209,906
1942 ...	94,538	November ...	86,684	138,328	176,748	214,806
1943 ...	122,405	December ...	86,581	142,108	179,128	219,560
1944 ...	162,867	January ...	86,716	146,283	181,801	224,705
1945 ...	198,203	February ...	87,167	150,375	184,725	228,711

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £19,654,607 at 31st January, 1946; in January, 1946, there was a net redemption of £99,447.

20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	90.3	92.0	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	98	117	123	136	150	152	154
February ...	75.5	82.0	97.1	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	96	114	123	139	147	149	157
March ...	80.5	89.4	102.6	123.4	130.1	123.4	...	93	110	119	138	146	145	...
April ...	70.7	86.9	95.4	125.3	108.4	126.2	...	98	111	125	150	150	154	...
May ...	82.0	106.3	98.9	123.0	143.5	132.6	...	100	117	125	155	158	160	...
June ...	80.3	97.4	116.6	132.6	140.1	136.0	...	101	123	133	163	166	169	...
July ...	71.2	98.9	99.7	114.3	122.9	129.7	...	98	125	130	155	168	167	...
August ...	74.9	87.0	99.0	122.7	127.4	121.0	...	99	123	135	160	169	168	...
September ...	74.9	94.9	105.6	116.5	120.9	123.4	...	99	124	134	155	163	166	...
October ...	78.0	101.8	115.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	...	100	123	138	152	159	166	...
November ...	86.1	99.6	105.0	129.3	126.3	129.7	...	102	124	135	149	153	164	...
December ...	91.7	104.9	121.6	127.3	127.6	121.7	...	106	124	136	150	152	159	...
Year ...	932.3	1139.4	1248.5	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	...	100	120	131	151	156	160	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

21. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Long- dated.	Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	3'76	...	...
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	3'92	...	...
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	3'30	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	3'10	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2 years.	7 years.	12 years.		
1942	5'4	4'9	2'42	2'87	3'13	2'47	3'23
1943	5'0	4'7	2'39	2'89	3'11	2'45	3'24
1944	5'0	4'4	2'43	2'72	§	2'48	3'23
1945	4'8	4'4	2'30	2'60	...	2'45	3'24
Months—	4'8	4'4	2'27	2'57	...	2'47	3'25
1945—March...	4'9	4'4	2'14	2'43	...	2'48	3'25
June	4'8	4'5	2'25	2'39	...	2'49	3'25
September ...	4'8	4'4	2'43	2'82	...	2'48	3'25
November ...	4'7	4'4	2'41	2'77	...	2'43	3'24
December ...	4'7	4'4	2'41	2'75	...	2'46	3'25
1946—January ...	4'7	4'4	2'25	2'66	...	2'27	3'24
February ...	4'8	4'4	1'99	2'62	...	1'92	3'24

* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

§ Subsequent yields uncertain.

22. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Thousand £.											
January ...	2,383	2,815	1,226	1,090	1,786	2,246	1,148	916	595	383	608	1,078
February ...	2,557	2,472	1,294	1,507	1,999	2,357	1,329	975	390	611	593	1,179
March ...	2,677	2,083	1,550	1,552	2,059	...	1,320	966	503	663	688	...
April ...	2,574	2,276	1,517	931	1,663	...	1,305	891	536	302	526	...
May ...	2,835	1,154	1,185	1,307	2,204	...	1,324	562	381	495	606	...
June ...	3,029	1,266	1,358	1,809	2,373	...	1,273	599	400	687	864	...
July ...	3,165	1,540	1,783	1,992	2,726	...	1,470	622	399	543	902	...
August ...	2,545	1,671	1,379	2,241	2,238	...	1,213	451	450	723	861	...
September ...	2,941	1,616	1,551	1,772	2,684	...	1,571	516	432	597	1,005	...
October ...	3,013	1,514	1,549	1,654	3,260	...	1,413	423	618	634	1,128	...
November ...	2,548	1,942	1,558	1,899	3,106	...	1,022	530	558	529	1,072	...
December ...	2,972	1,260	1,592	1,708	2,195	...	1,242	562	494	699	899	...
Year ...	33,239	21,609	17,542	19,462	28,293	...	15,630	8,007	5,756	6,866	9,752	...

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

23. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of February.			Two Months ended 28th February.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1944	13,815	112,626	40,540	200,596	191,655	89,378
1945	100,505	109,526	87,584	232,819	208,208	156,427
1946	79,987	109,764	102,685	120,819	209,353	161,493

See note under Table 22. *Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
Sept., 1931	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Mar., 1937	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1945-Jan. ...	240.6	203.5	162.7	146.3	264.1	192.8	207.3
Feb. ...	241.7	205.0	168.5	148.0	264.5	194.7	209.3
Mar. ...	242.2	205.9	170.1	148.7	264.6	195.4	209.8
April ...	242.3	207.3	170.2	148.8	264.6	195.7	210.0
May ...	242.2	207.2	170.5	148.4	264.6	195.7	210.0
June ...	242.3	207.7	170.4	148.0	264.6	195.7	210.1
July ...	242.2	207.4	170.3	147.3	264.6	195.6	210.0
Aug. ...	242.3	207.3	170.3	146.8	264.6	195.6	209.9
Sept. ...	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
Oct. ...	255.3	216.3	178.2	150.8	274.6	204.5	220.2
Nov. ...	266.3	224.1	182.1	156.9	291.5	212.8	229.7
Dec. ...	266.0	224.0	182.3	154.7	291.5	212.6	229.3
1944-Jan. ...	266.0	225.8	182.1	153.0	291.5	212.8	229.0
Feb. ...	266.2	226.5	182.3	154.0	291.5	213.0	229.2

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

25. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1942 ...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1943 ...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1944 ...	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1945 ...	2	4.80	36	2 3	34	6 5	352	19 1	10	15 3
1945-August ...	2	10.15	38	0 9	49	1 2	353	17 8	10	15 3
September...	4	2.19	39	1 1	47	16 8	354	1 5	10	15 3
October ...	4	2.19	39	9 6	47	9 5	354	15 8	10	15 3
November...	4	2.19	38	5 5	47	9 5	354	18 2	10	15 3
December ...	4	2.19	36	17 0	52	2 0	356	3 0	10	15 3
194-January ...	4	2.19	36	17 0	52	2 0	356	3 0	10	15 3

NEW SOUTH WALES. SECTION E.—GENERAL.

26. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month,	Estimated Total Employment, (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.	Allied Works Council Projects.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.
	(a)				(b)					(c)
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103.2	277.5	380.7	...	94.5	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	130.5	393.4	529.9	...	158.8	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141.5	404.8	546.3	25.8	202.1	...	78.2	41.3	43.3	52.5
1942—July ...	158.6	376.0	534.6	25.4	213.3	19.5	80.3	32.3	36.0	45.0
1943—July ...	156.6	365.4	522.0	25.1	217.8	14.4	81.5	28.7	33.2	43.3
1944—Jan. ...	152.5	369.6	522.1	24.6	219.9	9.4	81.5	28.4	34.1	44.8
July ...	152.4	369.7	522.1	24.4	217.6	6.6	84.1	28.4	34.2	45.4
1945—Jan. ...	153.4	375.6	529.0	24.8	215.4	8.4	85.6	29.5	35.7	46.8
Feb. ...	154.1	376.1	530.2	24.6	215.7	8.6	86.2	29.4	35.8	46.8
Mar. ...	154.9	374.7	529.6	24.0	215.4	8.8	85.2	29.6	36.0	47.0
April ...	155.8	375.2	531.0	24.7	215.2	8.9	86.9	29.6	35.6	46.9
May ...	155.4	375.6	531.0	24.3	213.5	8.9	86.7	30.0	35.7	46.9
June ...	155.8	377.1	532.9	24.4	214.8	8.6	87.2	29.7	35.9	47.3
July ...	156.5	377.5	534.0	24.6	214.6	7.3	88.0	29.9	35.9	47.6
Aug. ...	155.6	379.2	534.8	24.9	214.6	5.9	88.7	30.2	36.4	48.3
Sept. ...	155.3	374.1	529.4	24.7	208.6	4.8	87.6	30.8	37.0	48.7
Oct. ...	154.2	371.1	525.3	23.5	202.8	3.5	88.2	31.5	37.7	49.4
Nov. ...	154.2	373.3	527.5	23.7	200.3	2.9	89.3	32.7	39.4	50.1
Dec. ...	157.1	361.8	518.9	22.5	188.5	2.7	88.9	35.8	39.6	50.5
1946—Jan. ...	156.7	392.6	549.3	23.7	212.2	2.3	90.3	35.2	42.2	52.3
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	...	36.3	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	...	59.3	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21.7	192.4	214.1	0.2	76.0	...	8.1	40.9	17.6	57.0
1942—July ...	29.3	203.6	232.9	0.2	84.8	...	9.0	41.1	20.7	58.9
1943—July ...	45.8	204.1	249.9	0.2	94.6	...	12.9	38.5	20.5	62.3
1944—Jan. ...	46.6	205.5	252.1	0.2	94.4	...	13.5	37.5	20.6	64.4
July ...	45.5	206.1	251.6	0.2	91.6	...	13.9	37.2	20.4	65.7
1945—Jan. ...	44.1	207.3	251.4	0.2	87.5	...	14.0	38.5	20.7	67.6
Feb. ...	43.9	208.5	252.4	0.2	88.3	...	14.1	38.4	20.6	68.1
Mar. ...	43.7	209.4	253.1	0.2	88.8	...	14.1	38.7	20.7	68.5
April ...	43.7	208.3	252.0	0.2	87.7	...	14.1	38.8	20.4	68.5
May ...	43.6	208.1	251.7	0.2	87.7	...	14.0	39.0	20.3	68.6
June ...	43.5	209.1	252.6	0.2	86.9	...	14.6	39.3	20.5	68.8
July ...	43.3	208.8	252.1	0.2	86.4	...	14.6	39.2	20.6	68.5
Aug. ...	42.8	210.3	253.1	0.2	86.7	...	14.6	39.5	20.7	69.2
Sept. ...	41.3	209.0	250.3	0.2	83.4	...	14.4	39.7	20.9	69.6
Oct. ...	39.1	207.4	246.5	0.2	79.9	...	14.4	40.1	21.1	69.9
Nov. ...	38.0	210.2	248.2	0.3	81.0	...	14.2	41.5	21.0	70.0
Dec. ...	37.2	206.8	244.0	0.2	77.4	...	13.9	43.8	20.4	68.4
1946—Jan. ...	36.8	206.1	242.9	0.2	78.5	...	14.0	40.5	20.6	69.5
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120.0	386.5	506.5	...	130.8	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	...	218.1	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163.2	597.2	760.4	26.0	278.1	...	86.3	82.2	60.9	109.5
1942—July ...	187.9	579.6	767.5	25.6	298.1	19.5	89.3	73.4	56.7	104.9
1943—July ...	202.4	569.5	771.9	25.3	312.4	14.4	94.4	67.2	53.7	105.6
1944—Jan. ...	199.1	575.1	774.2	24.8	314.3	9.4	95.0	65.9	54.7	109.2
July ...	197.9	575.8	773.7	24.6	309.2	6.6	98.0	65.6	54.6	111.1
1945—Jan. ...	197.5	582.9	780.4	25.0	302.9	8.4	99.6	68.0	56.4	114.4
Feb. ...	198.0	584.6	782.6	24.8	304.0	8.6	100.3	67.8	56.4	114.9
Mar. ...	198.6	584.1	782.7	24.2	304.2	8.8	99.3	68.3	56.7	115.5
April ...	199.5	583.5	783.0	24.9	302.9	8.9	101.0	68.4	56.0	115.4
May ...	199.0	583.7	782.7	24.5	301.2	8.9	100.7	69.0	56.0	115.5
June ...	199.3	586.2	785.5	24.6	301.7	8.6	101.8	69.0	56.4	116.1
July ...	199.8	586.3	786.1	24.8	301.0	7.3	102.6	69.1	56.5	116.1
Aug. ...	198.4	589.3	787.9	25.1	301.3	5.9	103.3	69.7	57.1	117.5
Sept. ...	196.6	583.1	779.7	24.9	292.0	4.8	102.0	70.5	57.9	118.3
Oct. ...	193.3	578.5	771.8	23.7	282.7	3.5	102.6	71.6	58.8	119.3
Nov. ...	192.2	583.5	775.7	24.0	281.3	2.9	103.5	74.2	60.4	120.1
Dec. ...	194.3	568.6	762.9	22.7	265.9	2.7	102.8	79.6	60.0	118.0
1946—Jan. ...	193.5	598.7	792.2	23.9	290.7	2.3	104.3	75.7	62.8	121.8

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers from July, 1944, have been revised since last issue; those from July, 1945, are subject to further revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

27. UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Persons in New South Wales receiving benefit under the Commonwealth Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act, in operation since 1st July, 1945. (Benefit is subject to a "means test"; the "waiting period" is 7 days.)

Last Saturday in month.	Number of Persons (N.S.W.) in receipt of Benefit.							
	Unemployment.		Sickness.		Special.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1945—July ...	89	6	789	148	2	2	880	156
August ...	117	10	1,118	218	2	2	1,237	230
September ...	166	13	1,483	313	1	7	1,650	333
October ...	285	27	1,759	365	...	10	2,044	402
November ...	495	94	2,035	429	1	14	2,531	537

Classification of Persons in receipt of Unemployment Benefit, 24th November, 1945.

Industry.	National Services Districts.						Remainder of State.		Total N.S.W.	
	Metropolitan.		Newcastle.*		Wollongong.					
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Primary ... ..	...	...	2	...	...	...	34	I	36	I
Mining, Quarrying ...	...	...	3	...	2	...	10	...	15	...
Industrial	60	...	42	I	126	4	64	70	292	75
Building, Construction...	3	...	4	...	3	...	24	...	34	...
Transport, Communica- tion	7	...	...	...	23	...	6	...	36	...
Finance, Property ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Commerce	10	I	8	...	I	...	13	4	32	5
Public Administration, Professional	15	I	I	...	I	...	13	2	30	3
Personal, Domestic, etc.	6	I	3	I	I	...	4	6	14	8
Not stated	I	...	...	I	...	...	2	I	3	2
Total	105	3	63	3	157	4	170	84	495	94

* Includes Cessnock, Lambton and West Maitland.

28. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	136	141	141	164	155	173	165
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	135	142	145	159	161	174	181
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	130	143	146	164	165	171	...
April... ..	100	104	96	110	125	137	141	147	164	162	172	...
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	128	146	144	166	172	178	...
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	135	150	154	174	176	176	...
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	139	149	158	171	177	184	...
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	137	151	157	181	181	177	...
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	134	151	158	171	172	180	...
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	137	154	163	162	169	174	...
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	139	152	161	164	171	179	...
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	138	153	165	163	169	123	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	135	148	154	167	170	172	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

29. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base : Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	23'7
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22'5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
September ...	1,035	1,043	1,437	1,167	1,146	22'8
December ...	1,022	1,043	1,441	1,169	1,142	22'4
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

30. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

YEAR.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.		May.		February.		May.	
	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0				98 0			

* In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 31st December, 1944, was 2,884,848 (revised) or 39'3 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943, 1,398,170).

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SUPPLEMENT.

1. Population, Births, Deaths and Marriages—Years 1939 to 1945.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year (a).	Live Births.	Deaths.		Marriages.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Mean Population.			Infantile Mortality. Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births.
			Total.	Under 1 year.		Live Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.				
1939.....	2,762,789	48,003	26,815	1,969	25,471	17·47	9·76	9·27	41·0
1941.....	2,802,014	51,729	27,300	2,264	29,983	18·53	9·78	10·74	43·8
1942.....	2,833,133	52,647	(b)29,219	2,116	34,533	18·68	10·37	12·25	49·2
1943.....	2,854,862	57,265	(b)28,870	2,072	26,302	20·16	10·16	9·26	36·2
1944.....	2,884,848	59,612	(b)26,652	1,829	26,426	20·76	9·28	9·20	30·7
Jan.—									
Sept.									
1944.....	.....	44,761	(b)20,507	1,379	19,968	20·79(c)	9·52(c)	9·28(c)	30·8(c)
1945.....	.....	46,859	(b)20,369	1,449	18,499	21·59(c)	9·39(c)	8·52(c)	30·9(c)

(a) Including persons enlisted in armed forces wherever located. (b) Civilians only. (c) Equivalent annual rate.

2. Marriages—Quarterly—1939 to 1945.

Year.	Metropolis.				Remainder of State.			
	Quarter ended—				Quarter ended—			
	March.	June.	September.	December.	March.	June.	September.	December.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939	3,545	3,837	3,202	4,549	2,431	2,811	2,326	2,770
1941	4,249	4,724	3,997	5,738	2,572	3,011	2,631	3,061
1942	5,965	6,044	4,980	5,106	3,327	3,459	2,803	2,849
1943	4,583	4,418	3,691	4,325	2,581	2,402	2,079	2,223
1944	4,389	4,427	3,960	4,272	2,294	2,571	2,324	2,186
1945	3,946	4,008	3,723	.....	2,303	2,356	2,163	.....

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

3. Factories—Years ended June, 1939 to 1945.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
Establishments	9,464	9,458	9,919	10,166	10,110	10,755	11,359
Persons Employed, Average*—							
Males	167,172	172,259	194,194	216,856	223,669	226,824	223,770
Females	61,609	64,715	71,557	81,389	91,865	96,208	90,908
Total	228,781	236,974	265,751	298,245	315,534	323,032	314,678
Proportion of Total Employees—	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Males	73·07	72·69	73·07	72·71	70·89	70·22	71·11
Females	26·93	27·31	26·93	27·29	29·11	29·78	28·89
Book Value of—	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Land, Buildings	57,354	58,939	61,887	65,016	72,623	78,978	81,059
Plant and Machinery	62,693	64,802	68,533	70,612	73,122	73,804	73,939
Value of Materials and Fuel used	128,153	142,589	170,873	200,698	219,907	236,412	227,784
Output	218,419	239,199	285,917	339,488	373,489	399,138	387,659
Production (Value added to Raw Materials)	90,266	96,609	115,044	138,790	153,582	162,726	159,875
Salaries and Wages Paid†—							
Males	38,272	40,808	49,540	64,850	74,554	77,087	73,935
Females	6,334	6,885	8,220	10,908	14,346	16,431	15,308
Total	44,606	47,693	57,760	75,758	88,900	93,518	89,243
Average Salary and Wages†—	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Males	238 15	247 0	265 5	309 14	344 12	352 0	342 17
Females	103 13	107 4	115 16	134 19	157 5	172 1	169 16
Total	201 13	207 17	224 1	261 0	289 0	297 7	291 17

* Average during whole year, including working proprietors.

† Excluding amounts drawn by working proprietors.

4. Government and Private Factories—Years 1938-39 to 1944-45.

Year ended. 30th June.	Government Factories.*				Private Factories.			
	Establish- ments.	Employees. ‡	Salaries and Wages paid.	Net Value of Production. †	Establish- ments.	Employees. ‡	Salaries and Wages paid.	Net Value of Production. †
	No.	No.	£000	£000	No.	No.	£000	£000
1939	72	16,206	4,098	5,618	9,392	215,594	40,508	84,648
1940	72	17,226	4,529	6,310	9,386	222,126	43,164	90,299
1941	78	21,230	5,999	8,118	9,841	246,650	51,761	106,926
1942	118	28,411	9,244	12,084	10,048	273,709	66,513	126,706
1943	141	38,251	13,288	16,717	9,969	280,066	75,612	136,865
1944	146	40,665	14,034	17,266	10,609	285,491	79,484	145,460
1945	135	33,989	11,866	14,873	11,224	283,198	77,377	145,002

* Factories and workshops owned and operated by State and Commonwealth Governments (including railway workshops, printing offices, munition factories, etc., but excluding annexes operated by private companies on behalf of the Government).

† Before deducting depreciation and various overhead charges.

‡ Average during period of operation, including working proprietors.

5. Factories—Classes of Industry, 1944-45.

Class of Industry.	No. of Establish- ments.	Persons Employed. *	Salaries and Wages Paid. †	Value of Materials Fuel and Power Used.	Value of Output.	Value of Production. ‡
			£000	£000	£000	£000
Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ...	155	3,556	1,190	3,898	6,207	2,309
Bricks, Pottery and Glass, etc. ...	146	6,212	1,782	2,023	4,704	2,681
Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paint Oil and Grease	429	12,229	3,530	15,623	25,950	10,327
Industrial Metals, Machines, Imple- ments and Conveyances	3,296	151,076	48,040	92,038	164,697	72,659
Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate ...	91	893	221	248	649	401
Textiles and Textile Goods (not Dress)	277	19,426	4,273	12,218	20,944	7,826
Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	276	5,854	1,635	4,715	7,348	2,633
Clothing	2,095	34,668	6,494	12,481	23,482	11,001
Food, Drink and Tobacco	1,939	34,152	9,050	54,541	77,203	22,662
Woodworking and Basketware	1,101	12,902	3,476	8,309	13,962	5,653
Furniture, Bedding, etc.	310	4,010	1,097	2,142	3,977	1,835
Paper, Stationary, Printing, Book- binding, etc.	672	15,834	4,333	8,959	17,579	8,620
Rubber	104	3,814	1,180	3,653	5,097	1,444
Musical Instruments	16	280	81	63	199	136
Miscellaneous	310	5,995	1,436	2,029	4,404	2,375
Heat, Light and Power	142	3,777	1,425	4,844	12,157	7,313
Total	11,359	314,678	89,243	227,784	387,659	159,875

* Average during whole year, including working proprietors.

† Excluding drawings by working proprietors.

‡ Value of output at factory less value of materials and fuel used.

6. Factory Employees*—Years 1938-39 to 1944-45.

Industry.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
Bricks, Glass etc.	8,312	8,071	8,683	8,405	6,124	5,669	6,212
Chemicals, Paints, Oils	8,187	8,608	9,782	10,593	11,278	11,788	12,220
Metal Trades	82,452	86,841	105,597	132,444	158,113	163,023	151,076
Textiles (not dress)	15,089	16,848	19,685	21,049	21,366	20,383	19,426
Skins, Leather	4,306	4,847	5,579	5,618	5,438	6,016	5,854
Clothing & Footwear	32,019	32,622	33,866	34,367	31,937	32,188	34,668
Food, Drink, Tobacco	28,514	29,244	30,584	32,055	32,212	33,662	34,152
Sawmilling etc.	9,995	9,985	11,054	12,132	11,998	12,815	12,902
Furniture, Bedding	6,140	5,743	5,841	5,350	4,935	3,920	4,010
Paper, Printing	17,290	17,470	17,294	17,155	15,380	15,095	15,834
Other	16,477	16,605	17,786	19,077	17,953	18,473	18,315
Total	228,781	236,974	265,751	298,245	315,534	323,032	314,678

* Average during whole year, including working proprietors.

7. Principal Articles Manufactured in New South Wales.
Years ended June 1939, 1944 and 1945.

Articles.	1938-39.		1943-44.		1944-45.	
	Quantity.	Value at Works.	Quantity.	Value at Works.	Quantity.	Value at Works.
Aerated Waters	gal.	9,312,068	£ 813,971	11,244,928	£ 1,133,801	12,959,256
Bacon and Ham	lb.	21,721,914	↑	29,852,545	↑	43,846,580
Beer and Stout	gal.	33,899,023	3,465,199	38,224,792	3,752,663	39,033,673
Biscuits	lb.	44,559,455	1,635,323	79,007,090	2,880,481	67,001,417
Blankets	pairs	106,447	113,668	170,303	297,920	159,367
Boots and Shoes ... ..	...	4,767,236	2,251,164	6,490,060	3,923,553	6,803,506
Bricks and Firebricks ...	No.	398,306,090	1,576,450	75,041,476	739,674	92,792,000
Butter	lb.	113,840,734	7,103,194	87,856,808	6,005,870	71,721,764
Cement	tons	432,487	1,447,542	305,384	886,189	327,830
Cheese	lb.	7,193,022	271,621	5,374,388	257,329	4,399,847
Cigarettes ... ..	...	4,496,428	2,254,936	5,931,319	4,333,372	14,152,297
Cloth—Woolen and Worsted	sq. yds.	12,373,749	2,341,092	16,688,858	3,760,246	5,870,132
" Cotton ... ..	...	1,908,920	244,667	13,511,786	2,092,120	12,791,137
Coke	tons	1,548,521	1,639,684	1,954,489	2,830,667	1,709,853
Confectionery ... ..	...	48,799,175	2,900,841	53,679,348	3,456,972	58,549,851
Electric Light and Power	1000 units	1,948,489	5,602,877	2,826,131	8,042,104	2,877,336
Fibrous Plaster Sheets ...	sq. yds.	2,671,076	239,631	498,478	37,089	494,117
Flour	tons	547,162	3,866,163	4,966,953	4,966,954	516,168
Gas	1000 cub. ft.	10,806,185	1,546,562	14,558,126	2,520,784	14,923,511
Hats and Caps	No.	4,187,100	332,747	3,542,580	3,307,476	3,307,476
Ice	tons	232,747	438,157	285,004	586,253	382,103
Ice Cream	gal.	2,232,760	773,761	4,302,244	1,102,194	4,686,707
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron	tons	1,104,605	2,604,276	1,192,803	5,285,899	1,117,709
" Steel Ingots ... ..	...	1,169,249	4,213,220	1,523,489	9,448,276	1,345,626
Jams and Preserves—	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jams	lb.	20,634,787	528,049	54,666,802	1,432,527	43,351,987
Preserved Fruit ... ..	...	28,387,122	507,032	19,181,992	498,400	13,456,695
Preserved Vegetables ...	...	4,902,288	170,092	47,605,410	1,500,001	43,407,345
Dehydrated Vegetables	lb.	...	...	3,660,621	351,477	6,025,100
Leather—	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sole and Harness ... ..	...	11,119,157	664,810	13,805,612	1,062,798	12,325,997
Dressed, etc.	sq. ft.	26,058,549	1,100,073	37,060,880	1,854,863	36,810,268
Linseed Oil	gal.	2,153,127	409,916	2,196,235	848,692	2,419,704
Margarine	lb.	26,967,332	729,319	54,940,031	1,945,168	58,014,915
Meat, Tinned ... ..	...	3,377,960	124,251	29,075,208	1,783,473	27,830,484
Milk—Condensed ... ..	...	3,315,546	89,013	7,547,365	228,516	6,514,023
" Concentrated ... ..	...	2,332,097	39,619	19,597,801	372,544	18,448,198
" Powdered and Malted	...	4,730,908	198,981	13,135,728	742,284	10,334,451
Motor Bodies	No.	5,576	486,865	6,352	759,305	4,986
Paint	gal.	1,694,056	1,060,310	2,222,682	1,515,416	2,228,099
Soap	cwt.	487,692	1,179,467	553,551	1,817,346	544,096
Socks and Stockings	doz. pairs	1,055,210	804,432	999,401	1,238,926	809,458
Sugar—Raw	tons	45,106	747,502	37,442	713,346	26,423
Timber—Native—Softwood	sup. ft.	49,840,052	↑	88,759,933	↑	75,769,327
" Hardwood ... ..	...	129,510,433	↑	170,084,394	↑	170,203,823
Tobacco	lb.	10,755,820	3,738,704	11,978,090	4,684,844	11,258,655
Tyres—Motor and Cycle	No.	662,736	123,832	445,826	2,957,985	358,957
Wire	tons	106,051	1,833,594	101,918	2,321,443	97,755
Wool, Scoured	lb.	31,246,493	↑	46,185,971	↑	37,294,407

NOTE.—An extended list of articles manufactured is published in N.S.W. Statistical Register.
 † Not available.

8. Net Value of Production*—Recorded Industries 1938-39 to 1944-45.

Year.	Rural Industries.				Forests, Fisheries and Trapping.	Mines and Quarries.	Total Primary Industries.	Manufacturing.	Total.
	Pastoral.	Agri-cultural.	Dairying and Farmyard.	Total Rural Industries.					
1938-39 ...	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939-40 ...	23,613	13,401	13,147	50,161	3,429	9,948	63,538	90,266	153,804
1940-41 ...	34,562	18,076	13,266	65,904	3,658	10,927	80,489	96,609	177,098
1941-42 ...	35,305	11,186	13,368	59,859	4,646	10,233	74,738	115,044	189,782
1942-43 ...	34,121	↑16,043	12,826	62,990	6,045	12,403	↑81,438	138,790	↑220,228
1943-44 ...	38,212	↑23,860	17,257	79,329	5,507	12,897	↑97,733	153,582	↑251,315
1944-45 ...	42,580	↑25,400	18,269	86,249	7,026	13,185	↑106,433	162,726	↑269,159
1944-45 ...	37,452	↑16,991	↑19,760	74,203	7,048	13,137	↑94,388	159,875	↑254,263

* Represents gross value at place of production less goods used in the process of production e.g., fodder, seed, fertiliser used on farms, and raw materials and fuel in factories.

† To be increased by further payments from wheat pools.

‡ Subject to revision.

Estimated Annual Manufacturing in New York Water Years ended June 30, 1913, 1914, and 1915

Year	1913	1914	1915
Aluminum	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Asphalt	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Brick	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Cement	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Coal	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Copper	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Iron	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Lumber	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Oil	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Paint	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Phosphate	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Shingles	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Stone	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Sugar	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Tin	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Wool	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Zinc	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Other	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000